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REFS: (A) GENEVA 5563; (B) GENEVA 5564; (C) GENEVA 5538

1. USDEL AUTHORIZED JOIN IN CONSENSUS ADOPTION OF DRAFT
RESOLUTION QUOTED REF (C) NOTING TNC COMMISSION REPORT.

2. WE ARE PLEASED THAT USDEL HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN
PERSUADING G-77 TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO COMPROMISE
RESOLUTION ON REGIONAL LIAISON UNITS ON TNCs.

3. HOWEVER, AS G-77 NOW SEEKING TO MODIFY WORDING OF
PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH OF RESOLUTION (QUOTED REF (B)),
USDEL SHOULD SEEK DELETION OF LANGUAGE "INCLUDING THE
COLLECTION OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF SUCH
CORPORATIONS AND ABOUT THEIR IMPACT ON THE DEVELOPMENT
PROCESS AND ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS," AS PREJUDGING
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THE COMMISSION'S CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPER ROLE OF

THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS WITH REGARD TO TNCS. SUBJECT
PARAGRAPH, EXPANDED TO INCLUDE PROPOSED G-77 LANGUAGE
(PARA 1, REF (A)), MIGHT BE REGARDED AS JUSTIFICATION
FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN
TNC ISSUES, SUCH AS INFORMATION GATHERING, FROM WHICH

WE WOULD PREFER TO EXCLUDE THEM. HENCE, USDEL MAY
WISH FURTHER TO SEEK INCLUSION OF LANGUAGE IN THIS OR
IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS TO EFFECT THAT TNC COMMISSION
IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING PROPER ROLE OF REGIONAL
COMMISSIONS WITH REGARD TO TNC ISSUES OR THAT ROLE OF
REGIONAL COMMISSIONS IN THIS AREA IS TO ASSIST TNC
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